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TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/
MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on June 15, 2011. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, John Hertz, Louis Gesauldi and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Also present was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, BOE Facilities Director Hans Otto and architects Rusty Malik and Tom Arcari.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Guimond took the agenda out of order pending the arrival of the architects.

a) Architect's Report

The architects were present to report on the development of schematic design for both phases of the project. Mr. Malik presented the Board of Education schematic design first by providing an overview of the data collection process, building and site, and the schematic floor plan. He noted that the 17 year old HVAC system is coming to the end of its useful life and would be a target for replacement, but the duct-work could be maintained. Sprinklers were also noted as an item for review based on the building type and assembly area.

Mr. Malik added that the existing program square footage for the Board of Education was 7,567 sq. ft. which would increase to 9,367 sq. ft. Most of this increase was attributable to the size of pre-existing spaces in the old library like the children's room and the large meeting room in the rear of the building.

Superintendent Falcone was recognized who wished to verify that the education specifications were met, that humidity would be addressed in the building, and that technology would be accommodated for video in the Board's meeting room. All were addressed to the affirmative.

Mr. Arcari reviewed the Mather Center. He discussed the demographic analysis and data collection. The program was narrowed and refined to shrink from 25,000 sq. ft to 22,000 sq. ft. He reviewed the site, change in entrance point and that the schematic sought to provide natural light to program spaces and the interior. The size of the fitness room and the number of toilet facilities were questioned. Chairman Guimond felt that the plan was an innovative re-use of an institutional facility. Many agreed with this assessment.

Lisa Thoren of the Darien Arts Center was recognized and questioned the type of flooring planned for the dance area. Flooring options were reviewed by the architect.

Sue Swiatek, Parks & Recreation Director, was recognized. She emphasized the multiple uses of the space and that internal segregation of users will need to be addressed with multiple users.

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Chairman Guimond was seeking the consensus of the Committee for the architects to continue to proceed. The Committee agreed that the designs were ready to advance to the next phase.

b) Other Items Of Relevance to the Committee

Ms. Woods moved, seconded by Ms. Hagerty-Ross, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Woods asked for an update on the status of contract negotiations. The Committee was advised that final issues were being resolved with the architect's contract. Delays in settling the architect's contract impacted the construction manager's ability to conclude their contract.

Due to a lack of business to conduct, the Committee determined that it would cancel the regularly scheduled meeting for June 22, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff

Administrative Officer